

MOHR DEATH CAR DRIVER TELLS STORY OF MURDER

Healis Says He Lost Nerve on
First Day Set For Deed.
But Finally Stopped For
Gunmen.

Accused Widow Calm as Negro
Gives Testimony That May
Send Her to Prison For
Life.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20.—For the first time the story of the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was told from the stand today by George Healis, negro driver of the death car. Healis appeared as the star witness for the State in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, young widow of the doctor, on the charge of having plotted to kill her husband.

"We were to have killed Dr. Mohr on Saturday night, but I lost my nerve and threw in all the speed I had," said Healis. "Miss Burger wasn't in the car, but Miss Ormsby and Miss Wilson were in the tonneau with the doctor."

"I met Brown next day and told him I was through; I said I wouldn't have anything more to do with it."

"The next Tuesday I did stop the car and they killed the doctor," Healis continued.

COURT ROOM JAMMED.

The court room was jammed to the last inch of space at the opening hour this morning. Sheriff Lake had an extra force of deputies on duty to handle the crowd about the street doors.

Judge Stearns discarded his colored necktie and appeared today wearing a white four-in-hand.

Healis was called to the stand at 9:30. He faltered a moment at the door, looked about him a moment with a startled expression, and then strode to the witness box. Assistant Attorney General Phillips resumed the direct examination.

"On Friday night, August 27, I went to Mrs. Mohr's home with Brown," Healis continued. "Mrs. Mohr asked Brown, 'How is everything, and he said, 'O. K.' He said we knew the roads. Mrs. Mohr said, 'Brown, would you get \$200, \$300, \$400, and I \$100. She told me not to be afraid; just to stop the car and then go to the nearest farmhouse and telephone the police that the doctor had been held up and shot. The job was planned for the next night, Saturday, and Brown told Mrs. Mohr he had his motorcycle in the room."

"I went to Miss Burger's home for the doctor on the afternoon before the shooting to see about a suitcase. From there I drove to the doctor's home on Elmwood avenue, and the doctor's little boy Charlie came running out and told me his mother expected me for lunch. I was busy and could not wait."

Again Visited Mrs. Mohr.

"I had an engagement at 6 o'clock. Shortly after I met Brown and Spelman coming down the street on Brown's motorcycle. We went into Mrs. Mohr's."

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DEMOCRATS WANT TAFT MADE JUSTICE

Strong Pressure Brought to
Bear On President, Especial-
ly By Southerners.

Strong pressure from Democratic sources is being brought to bear on President Wilson to nominate former President Taft to the Supreme Court. The United States Supreme Court, which is expected to meet tomorrow, has heard from Southern Democrats. Today, for example, a group of Democrats of the State of Georgia, led by a business man, has been heard on business trips through both Georgia and Alabama. There is an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the selection of Taft.

Montenegrin Army Resumes Fighting

ROME, Jan. 20.—The Montenegrins have resumed hostilities against Austria. The Montenegrin minister today officially informed the Italian foreign office that King Nicholas and the Montenegrin government have refused all the Austrian peace terms. King Nicholas is with the troops. The main Montenegrin army is believed to be concentrated near the Albanian border toward which other detachments were retiring when the armistice was signed.

ALLIES PLAN FOR DRIVE IN BALKANS

War Council Reaches an Agree-
ment—Forces of Austro-
Germans Are Withdrawn.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Austro-German Bulgar forces gathered along the Greek frontier are falling back and making preparations to defend themselves against attack by the allies. The Saloniki correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphed today.

The Bulgarians are destroying bridges, and the Germans and Austrians withdrawing infantry and cavalry units from Monastir, the correspondent reported.

Reach Agreement.

The allies have reached a definite agreement as to their future military and diplomatic policies in the Balkans. It is stated today following the departure of the French premier and military officials who attended the allied war council yesterday.

The Italian cabinet is in session in Rome today to consider the details of the plan agreed upon by the war council.

"Any situation that may arise within the near future will be dealt with firmly, the world may be assured of that," was a statement emanating from a well-informed source.

Exactly what phases of the international situation were considered at the brief session of the war council could not be learned officially today. It is understood, however, that developments in Greece formed a principal topic of discussion. Before Premier Briand left for Paris today it was hinted that both the French and Greek governments may authorize the issuance of statements dealing with yesterday's conference tonight or tomorrow.

Kaiser in Balkans.

The arrival of the Kaiser in the Balkans, presumably on his way to the Serbo-Greek frontier, persistent reports from Berlin that King Constantine is growing restless under the economic pressure exerted by the allies, and information that Roumania is watching matters at Athens very closely, made the Greek capital the center of world interest today.

Sofia correspondents warn the Berlin newspapers that the situation is most critical. The Tagessblatt correspondent in the Bulgarian capital hints at Roumania's possible entrance into the war on the side of the allies if they execute a successful coup in Greece.

Italian King Calls Cabinet to Consider Allied War Offense

ROME, Jan. 20.—The Italian cabinet met today to consider a program of concerted action in the Balkans said to be under consideration by the allies. Whether this includes the landing of more Italian troops on the Albanian coast for an offensive movement against the Bulgarians and Austrians is not known.

King Victor Emmanuel ordered the cabinet summoned into session upon his return from Taormina last night. He reviewed the Italian fleet and conferred with several naval officers.

Warm Winds Break Grip Of Cold On Washington

Warm winds from the South, brought about by a storm which is today centered over the Middle West, have broken the cold wave which has gripped Washington during the last three days, and the Weather Bureau today promises temperate winter weather for the next four or five days, with rain tonight and probably tomorrow.

The temperature at the Weather Bureau at 10 o'clock this morning was 32, compared with 26 at the corresponding hour yesterday and 18 the day before. The mercury will climb 2 to 4 degrees tonight. It is stated, when more southern breezes accompanied by light rain, may be expected.

Grandmother Must Prove Right to Granddaughter

Valonia Ryan is directed to present in the District Supreme Court tomorrow at 10 o'clock her granddaughter, Ethel Chick, six years old and now caused by her mother, Maude F. Chick, who is alleged to have been seduced by Ryan, to regain possession of the child. The mother accuses the grandmother of taking the child away from her home in Hartford, Conn., and bringing her to the District. Attorney Daniel W. Miller and Harry A. Grant represent Mrs. Chick.

'COME GET ME,' IS VILLA'S DEFINI- TIVE STOP TIE-UPS

Bandit Chief Taunts Foe As
Answer to Order Proclaim-
ing His Life Forfeit.

SAFE IN HIS STRONGHOLD

Expected to Put Up Desperate
Fight and Never Submit to
Capture.

EL PASO, Jan. 20.—From Francisco Villa's stronghold in the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico came today a defiant challenge to Carranza's order proclaiming the bandit chief's life forfeited on sight.

"Come and get me," was the substance of his challenge, that filtered through to the picked Carranza soldiers engaged in waging an extermination campaign against his followers.

Leaders in the man-hunt expect Villa to put up a desperate fight. They hardly hope to take him alive. The proclamation authorizing anyone to shoot Villa on sight was a formality. He is unapproachable except by his trusted followers.

His secret hiding place in the mountains from which he makes unexpected threats for food and loot, has made Villa an object of terror and mystery to the towns and ranches in western Chihuahua and northern Durango.

Some of Villa's hidden stores of ammunition have been captured by the Carranza soldiers.

The execution of a number of captured bandits is scheduled to take place at Chihuahua City today. They include some of the murderers of the eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel on January 10.

In accordance with the Carranza campaign of "frightfulness" against the murderers, their corpses will be publicly exhibited.

The publication of the mutilations inflicted on the Santa Ysabel victims caused a renewal here today of anti-Mexican feeling. The wounded were bayoneted or pierced with machetes.

Powers Bring Pressure To Bear on Lansing to Aid Aliens in Mexico

Pressure is beginning to come from foreign quarters for a more definite policy on the part of the United States, looking to the protection of foreigners in Mexico. Although no direct demands for action are being made, the pressure is being felt.

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What this standardization will embody, Mr. Kappene is not ready to say, but he indicated today that it may be necessary to stop the street cars during non-rush hours and a certain percentage of "strangers" during rush hours.

Puts Bill in House For Dry District

Barkley of Kentucky Would
Close Saloons in the Capital
After November 1, 1916.

A District prohibition bill appeared in the House today with Congressman Albert W. Barkley, a Kentucky Democrat, as its sponsor. The bill introduced by the Kentucky member is the same as that offered in the Senate by Senator Sheppard of Texas, and has the support of the Anti-Saloon League. It would make the National Capital "dry" on and after November 1, 1916.

Not only do the Sheppard and Barkley bills propose to prohibit the selling, manufacturing, and storing of alcoholic liquors in the District, but it would also prohibit express companies from delivering intoxicants.

Under drastic regulations as to its disposal, druggists and pharmacists may keep and sell alcohol for scientific, medicinal, and medicinal purposes. The use of wines for sacramental purposes may be granted churches by the Commission.

The Barkley bill was referred to the House District Committee.

CONSUL REPORTS ON RYNDAM ACCIDENT

The State Department was officially advised today of the mysterious accident to the steamer Ryndam in a cable from Consul General Skinner at London. The cause of the accident was not known. The Skinner dispatch said:

The Holland-American liner Ryndam, New York to Rotterdam, met with an untimely accident after leaving Falmouth, three stokers were killed and four injured. There were no casualties among the passengers. The ship proceeded under her own steam to Gravesend.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam, which went aground while approaching Gravesend harbor in a crippled condition, was floated today and escorted to anchorage by tugs.

RAILWAY PUTS MAN ON JOB TO STOP TIE-UPS

Washington Railway and Elec-
tric Company Takes Charge
At Fourteenth and F.

JAMS FREQUENT, HOWEVER

Action Follows Announcement
That Public Utilities Board
Is Investigating.

There was an inspector for the Washington Railway and Electric Company "on the job" early today at Fourteenth and F streets.

His appearance followed announcement yesterday that the Public Utilities Commission had twelve inspectors scattered over the city making a general street car survey to do away with overcrowding and delay.

Although the railway inspector did all he could at the corner to prevent "hold-ups" and overcrowding of the Bureau cars, delays and jams were frequent.

Have Long Hours.

Engineer J. Kappene, who has charge of the physical survey, declared today his own work at 5:30 today this morning, and will remain on the job until 11:30 tonight.

While the survey was being launched yesterday, the commission also took under consideration the resolutions adopted by the Federation of Citizens' Association, demanding the early completion of the physical survey of the street car lines and relief from traffic congestion at transfer points.

The ultimate object of the street car survey, according to Engineer Kappene, is the standardization of the street car lines.

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May Have New Survey.

He also indicated that because of fundamental differences between summer and winter traffic in Washington, it may be necessary to begin another survey in the spring, and draw other conclusions to guide the commission in regulating the handling of passengers during the warm weather.

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Four Cars Together.

About a minute later, Bureau car 415, Fourteenth and F street car 413, Wharf car 46, and Bureau car 344 came through in a group. There were few passengers in any of them, and practically none were waiting for transfers.

Immediately thereafter, however, the heavy rush of the morning traffic began, and cars began arriving at the transfer point crowded almost to capacity.

By 8:30 Bureau car 284 arrived, followed by six others, which jammed the transfer point. An unusually large crowd was waiting, and part of it could not be accommodated on the already full cars.

At 8:45 the largest crowd of the morning for points along the Fourteenth street line was waiting when Bureau car 91 arrived, holding up a transfer point, one for Lincoln Park, and a third for Fifth and F streets a full minute.

Car Badly Crowded.

Wharf car 91 was badly crowded when it reached the transfer point about 8:45, and one minute was consumed trying to wedge the passengers into every available bit of standing space.

At 8:48 another minute was spent in a similar manner by Wharf car 91, into which passengers crowded until the inspector stepped them.

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AMERICA HAS NO REAL FLEET, REPORT SHOWS

Amazing Conditions Brought to
Light in Criticisms By Ad-
miral Fletcher.

SHORTAGE OF EVERYTHING

And Inadequate Provisions By
Administration Make Proper
Co-operation Impossible.

By JUDSON C. WELLS.

Here are the things that are the matter with the United States Navy, as summarized in the last paragraph of the annual report of Admiral P. F. Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet.

Shortage of officers.
Shortage of men.
Lack of fast armored ships and fast light cruisers.
Limitations of mobility and sea-going qualities of submarines.
Necessity of maintaining full complement in active ships of the fleet.
Need of additional mining and sweeping vessels.
Inability of mobilizing ships in reserve annually with the active fleet.
Need of battle target practice at long range.
Need for increased facilities at fleet headquarters.
Need for division commanders for mining division and auxiliary division.
Provision for more speed in design of fighting craft intended to operate with the fleet.
Need of anti-aircraft guns.
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Aside from these few little details, the commander seems to think that the Atlantic fleet is quite a good fleet. In order to make it really a good fleet, he does not need anything except more ships, faster ships, more powerful ships of all classes, more officers, more men, more equipment, more training and sweeping vessels, enlarged provision for taking care of the inadequate number of vessels already in commission and still greater enlargement to take care of those that ought to be added to the fleet, and anti-aircraft guns, and in addition, more money, anything else that will be reasonably regarded as essential to an efficient navy.

The foregoing summary of the needs and wishes of the fleet is taken verbatim from the conclusions of Admiral Fletcher's annual report. That report was transmitted to the Senate in a resolution passed January 18, and was printed as a public document. It is now possible to publish for the first time an accurate summary of its contents.

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DANIELS IS GRILLED BY NAVY COMMITTEE

Administration's Program Is
Scathingly Assailed By Con-
gressman, More Galling.

Secretary Daniels appeared before the committee to testify as to the necessity for more modern ships. Early in the session, Chairman Folger, of the Naval Affairs Committee, introduced at the request of Secretary Daniels a bill providing that three midshipmen be appointed to the Naval Academy by each Senator and Representative, two from the District of Columbia, one from the country at large, and fifteen from the ranks of the navy.

Secretary Daniels of the Navy appeared before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House this afternoon and underwent a grilling which lasted several hours during which the administration's naval increase program was scathingly assailed by Congressman A. J. Clegg, a member of the committee.

Secretary Daniels said that this increase of ships was necessary because of the shortage of officers in the navy. During the course his testimony he said the United States should have as many fighting ships as many men that it would be practically useless for the other nations of the world to compete with this country as a naval power. He said that this country was able to maintain its dignity and position on land and sea.

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Meeting Seeks To Eliminate Hyphen

"Americanize" America Is Key-
note of Conference In Ses-
sion In Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—To "Americanize" America by eliminating the hyphen from the names of the many people of the country into one nation, is the keynote of the National Conference on Immigration and Americanization, in session here today.

Five hundred delegates, representing every State in the Union and the Federal Government, were present to launch the movement. Some of the slogans of the campaign are "English Language First," "Conservation," and "American Standards of Living."

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt will address the delegates and fire the final broadside for hyphenated Americans. He will speak on social and economic preparedness for national safety and unity.

Presiding At Hearing On School Question



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CONGRESSMAN JAMES T.
LLOYD of Missouri.

WANTS U. S. TO BUY LAND ON AVENUE

Proposal to Acquire Tracts For
Government Buildings Re-
viewed in the Senate.

The proposal to have the Government buy land to the south and north of Pennsylvania avenue for Government buildings was revived in the Senate today.

Senator Jones of Washington introduced a bill, similar to one he presented to the last Congress, authorizing the President to name a commission, composed of such officials as deemed wise, to report to Congress the probable cost of acquiring the land. The ground to be investigated includes that as far south of the Avenue as the Mall, from Eleventh street to the Capitol. It also includes such land on the north side of the Avenue, between Eleventh street and the Capitol as the commission of inquiry may deem advisable.

The proposed inquiry is to be directed not alone to the probable cost, but by the number of buildings the Government needs now and for some years to come and to the rentals now paid for the Government and to whom they are paid.

The bill was referred to the Senate District Committee.

POLICE BAN PUT ON KELLY POOL PLAYING

Warrants Out For Certain Pro-
prietors Charged With Per-
mitting Gambling.

Warrants are in the hands of the police for the arrest of certain Washington pool room operators who are charged with permitting Kelly pool in their establishments.

The District Attorney's office and the police department have started a crusade against this form of amusement on the grounds that it violates the District law prohibiting gambling.

Ball sentences will be demanded in the police court by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Givon of all poolroom owners who permit the game, he announced today, following the signing of August Masina, a Pennsylvania avenue poolroom proprietor for permitting patrons to play pool for money.

Prosecutor Givon said he had received a number of letters from persons who declared their sons and husbands have been losing large sums at Kelly pool, and he intends to wipe out the game by penalizing operators of poolrooms with jail sentences.

President Will Refuse Clemency For Middies

President Wilson, it is said, will refuse to exercise clemency in behalf of Midshipmen Francis J. Kelly, Jr., of Brooklyn, and Thomas H. Davis, of South Carolina, both third class men, who have been recommended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels for dismissal from the Naval Academy.

Superintendent Eberle of the Naval Academy reported the two young men had been found guilty of buying intoxicating liquors from a boot-legger in Annapolis, and of having taken the liquor into the Academy.

National Guard Wants To Use Potomac Park

An application by the District National Guard for permission to use part of East Potomac Park as a cavalry and field artillery drill ground is receiving consideration today from the War Department.

Consent of the War Department is necessary as this park is a Government reservation.

The District militia desires to use this drill ground only until Congress authorizes the improvement of the park as a public recreation center along lines already set forth by the War Department.

Submarine Is Ashore.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A British submarine has gone aground on the Dutch coast. The admiralty announced this afternoon. The crew was rescued.

POLITICS USED IN NAMING OF SCHOOL BOARD, WITNESS SAYS

Crandall Mackey Tells Congress-
men "He Landed His Man"
When He Had Wanted To.
Ben Johnson in Tilt.

District Chairman Takes Excep-
tion to Remarks of William A.
Harr, of Board of Trade.
Lloyd Has New Plan.

After four members of the Board of Trade had urged the House District Subcommittee not to place the schools under the Commissioners because that would inject them into politics, Crandall Mackey and Julius Peyser asserted the present arrangement encourages political appointments.

Mr. Mackey asserted that judges of the District Supreme Court were "besieged by politicians whenever a vacancy occurred," and said that he for one had, with the help of other politicians, "landed his man" on the Board of Education when he had wanted to.

OFFERS NEW PLAN.

At the beginning of the hearing today, Chairman Lloyd, of the subcommittee, suggested as a compromise that the school law be amended by giving the President authority to appoint the Board of Education. When he asked Commissioner Newman if this would be satisfactory to the Commissioner asked time to consider the proposal.

The hearing this morning was marked by a lively tilt between Chairman Ben Johnson, of the District Committee, and William A. Harr, one of the speakers for the Board of Trade. Chairman Johnson asked that all Mr. Harr's remarks be expunged from the record after Mr. Harr had said a question of Mr. Johnson's was "entirely uncalled for" and refused to answer it.

This incident occurred at the end of Mr. Harr's plea that the District schools be let alone, during which he had said that the District Commissioners were "not qualified as experts to make any recommendations in regard to the schools."

He also remarked that the Commissioners, in recommending a change in the branches of the District government, "in seeking the lack of qualification of the Commissioners, do you mean to include the President, too?" asked Chairman Johnson.

"That question is uncalled for and I refuse to answer it," replied Mr. Harr.

Wants Remarks Expunged.

"Then, as a matter of respect to me, I ask that Mr. Harr's remarks be expunged from the record," said Congressman Johnson, turning to Congressman Lloyd, chairman of the subcommittee.

Congressman Lloyd tried to elicit an answer from Mr. Harr to Mr. Johnson's question. Mr. Harr declined to answer directly. Mr. Harr started to explain "I don't care to reply to a question which puts words into my mouth," when Chairman Johnson rose and shouted: "Will you let me speak or not?" Every time Congressman Johnson has tried to ask a question you have cut in on him."

Mr. Johnson then asked Mr. Harr whether he regarded former President Taft, who had recommended a change in the administration of schools, as qualified to talk about educational matters.

"I don't know that I would take President Taft's word on educational matters as an expert opinion," retorted Mr. Harr.

After more colloquy, Mr. Harr concluded and Frederick A. Penning, who had been conducting the Board of Trade, asked Mr. Johnson to induce Mr. Harr and put his remarks in the record.

Storm Clouds Gather.

Storm clouds began to gather early when Mr. Harr charged that the "Commissioners are now maintaining a merit system against the greatest pressure from outside."

"What is your basis for that statement?" asked Chairman Johnson.

Mr. Harr at first declined to answer, but after more questioning said that the District Commissioners had said so themselves in public addresses.

Commissioner Newman asked permission to be heard, and said he would like Mr. Harr to cite a specific instance where the District Commissioners had made such a remark. Mr. Harr said he could not do that, but had been informed on reliable authority that such statement had been made by Chairman Johnson wanted to know who informed him and Mr. Harr said he could not give the name.

Henry P. Blair, president of the Board of Education, interrupted to say that he had heard Mr. Harr's information on this point.

Turning to Mr. Harr, Chairman Johnson said, "You are coming right on and making a reckless accusation make a statement."

Chairman Johnson also asked Mr. Harr what pressure had come from